

# Muswell Hill Primary School

## Newsletter No. 9 – 20 November 2020

Academic Year  
2020-21



Welcome back to Blue Class – it's lovely to see you all again. We are naturally as disappointed as you are that Violet Class has now had to self-isolate, we send our very best wishes to the child who tested positive after feeling unwell and to their family.

Public Health England have confirmed that many schools are experiencing class shut downs as the virus continues to spread - often, as in this case, with no obvious contact with anyone who had it. They have emphasised the importance of getting a test if any covid symptoms are experienced – adults and children – and the necessity of self isolation if a family member or contact has received a positive covid test or is displaying symptoms. Please remember too that the guidelines state that self isolation should continue for the 14 days even if a negative test result is obtained during this 14-day isolation period.

**As was the case with both Blue and Indigo classes, schooling continues for the children in self isolation, it's not a holiday!**



### PSA Newsletter

Be sure to catch up on all the latest PSA news by reading the newsletter attached with this one.

Don't miss the **Twelve Days of Christmas** events and update on the virtual sponsored walk to Lapland. Plus - some fantastic artwork from a recent virtual event and a new initiative supporting local businesses whilst raising money for the school too.

For further information on the Parent Staff Association (PSA) visit the website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/mhps-psa/home>

### Panto and Christmas Jumper Day

The PSA have paid for a panto to be streamed to each class on **Friday 11 December**. We will be having our annual 'Christmas Jumper Day' on the same day; children are encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper, either an existing one or one they have decorated, and this year they will be asked to bring in a donation for the local food bank and soup kitchen. Further details nearer the time.



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## Max is off to chess finals



Many congratulations to Yr2 Max who came through a field of almost 80 children to qualify for the prestigious London Junior Chess Championship U8 Finals in December. A fantastic feat.

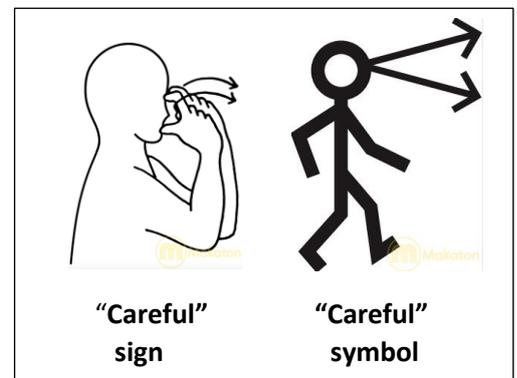
The annual championship - played online this year - attracts entries from some of the best young players in London and the Home Counties. The winners from each of the three age sections go on to represent England Juniors in international tournaments.

Yr5 Felix (U10) and Yr6 Ahi (U12) just missed out on qualification. They have another chance in this weekend's qualifier. Good luck.

## Makaton Sign of the Week

Here is the YouTube link for the MAKATON Sign of the Week video. The sign is "careful".

<https://youtu.be/NXesDZoYf-o>



## Two Reminders

### Please don't block our neighbours' driveways or garages

If coming to school by car, please may we remind you to park your car only where you are legally allowed to do so.

We have received letters from residents of Methuen Park, Pinnacle Close and Elms Avenue informing us of cars parked over garages/driveways and residents being unable to get their cars out or park in their garages. Many of these garages and driveways are constantly in use; one resident recently missed an important meeting because of someone parked across their garage doors. As we are all part of the Muswell Hill Community please do think of our neighbours before parking illegally, even for a few minutes – it can cause others to be late or miss something too!

Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

### Friday afternoon review – survey closes on Sunday at 5.00pm

Following on from last week's newsletter, do let us know your views on closing after lunch on Friday by completing the survey which closes on Sunday (22 November).

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MHPSFridayReview>

## Enjoy some Year 2 artwork – gorgeous autumn leaves



## Dates for Christmas lunch – to be confirmed in December

### **Traditional Roast Turkey**

Served with Pigs in Blankets, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas and Gravy

### **Roasted Vegetable and Cheese Strudel**

Served with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Peas and Gravy

### **Chocolate Rice Crisp Christmas Pudding Cake**

Christmas Lunch will be served in the halls on two different days in December (dates to be confirmed). We can't serve all of the children in the halls on the same day in order to keep bubbles separate and properly sanitise the areas. Therefore, on one day it will be the 'traditional' Christmas lunch for half the children and the other half who usually have school meals will have a portable sandwich version for class consumption.

**If your child would like the traditional school lunch this year, please let the office know by Friday 27 November so that sufficient food can be ordered.** If

your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 there will be no charge as these children are entitled to a meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme. If they are in Years 3 to 6 the cost of the meal will be £2.60 (unless they are entitled to a Free School Meal) and the amount will appear on your Parent Pay account. Please let us know **whether or not** you usually have school meals; please note there will be no other alternatives on this day so if your child does not like the above please arrange to bring in a packed lunch option.

**WE REGRET IF YOU DO NOT ORDER BY 27 NOVEMBER, IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ORDER LATER.**

# Long Service Awards

Many congratulations and huge thanks from the school – staff, governors and children – to Elaine Mason and Lucy Seckin who have both completed 20 years of dedicated service to the school.



## Golden Learners of the Week

### RED CLASS – LUCY'S SHOUT OUTS

This week's Golden Learners in Red Class are **Isha** and **Edgar**. Both are very good at following the school's 'Golden Values' such as being kind, as well as showing excellent focus in their work. Well done Isha and Edgar.

### RUBY CLASS – GRACE'S SHOUT OUTS

This week's Golden Learners are **Faris** and **Sophie**. Both show great acts of kindness. They listen carefully, use kind words and care about others. Being friendly, generous and helpful. Well done!

### **AMBER CLASS – ROISIN AND TOBY'S SHOUT OUT**

The Golden Learner from Amber Class this week is **Lamees**. She is always eager to learn and to do that little bit extra. Recently she produced some wonderful writing, using adjectives to describe a setting. Amazing!

### **ORANGE CLASS – JENI'S SHOUT OUT**

Orange Class Golden Learner is **Agnes**. Agnes has shown great perseverance this week in her learning, especially reading. She showed resilience when we read a challenging book together this week.

### **YELLOW CLASS – GEOFF'S SHOUT OUT**

The Golden Learner for Yellow Class is **Tom**. Tom has shown excellent listening skills in class and always eagerly engages in class discussions.

### **GOLD CLASS – NATHAN'S SHOUT OUTS**

The Gold Class Golden Learners this week are **Aras** and **Nora**. They have both shown excellent focus and perseverance across all subjects. In particular, they have really applied themselves in our Maths lessons as we start addition and subtraction by crossing 10.

### **GREEN CLASS – KATH'S SHOUT OUTS**

Green Class Golden Learners this week are:

**Zoe** who did some lovely writing about the Bear and the Piano but then reread it and took lots of time editing and improving her work. She is also a very kind learning partner and a thoughtful friend. Well done Zoe!

**Aston** also did some super writing about the Bear and Piano using an excellent plan. He is extremely diligent in maths and always checks his work very carefully. Well done Aston!

### **EMERALD CLASS – LARA'S SHOUT OUTS**

Emerald Golden Learners this week are:

**Blake** for his brilliant effort at managing his distractions. All week he has shown excellent focus and has been working extremely hard. Well done Blake!

**Babette** for her kindness and thoughtfulness. During Anti-bullying week she has been a wonderful example of a good friend.

### **BLUE CLASS – RITU'S SHOUT OUT**

No individual Golden Learner this week but a massive shout out to the whole of Blue Class for being so fantastic during their second isolation period at home. Kathy and I have been hugely impressed with your enthusiasm for learning, for showing such resilience and for embracing the time at home. You have worked so hard and we have loved seeing your brilliant work on Seesaw.

### **SAPPHIRE CLASS – SOPHIE'S and MISS FRYER'S SHOUT OUTS**

Miss Fryer's Golden Learner is **Alex B** for his listening skills whilst creating role play in English with Louis and for being a constantly kind and supportive peer and friend.

My Golden Learners are **Rosie** for her helpful attitude during lessons and her willingness to support both her own learning and the learning of others and also to **Naphtali** for his calm and considerate behaviour both inside and outside of class this week. He worked wonderfully in a group whilst creating onomatopoeic storm poetry and was also a focussed listener during his peers' performances. Well done Rosie and Naphtali!

### **INDIGO CLASS – HADLEY’S SHOUT OUT**

Indigo's Golden Learner this week is **Berk**, for showing great enthusiasm for learning. He came into school the other day eager to share interesting facts he had discovered from a TV programme about the human skeleton. He was clearly fascinated and showed an admirable desire to share his excitement.

### **COBALT CLASS – MEABH’S SHOUTS OUTS**

This week we have two Golden Learners from Cobalt Class. Both **Mia** and **Talita** have been chosen for the extra effort that they have put into discussing and promoting ideas for anti-bullying week. The girls independently decided to create an anti-bullying video to raise awareness of what bullying is and shared their ideas of what we can do to stop bullying. Fantastic effort girls!

### **AMETHYST CLASS – JOSEPH’S SHOUT OUT**

This week's Golden Learner is **Chloë**. Chloë is an exceptional student and gives her all in all areas of the curriculum. However, this award is going to Chloë for her kindness: she is a caring and thoughtful child who always listens carefully to those around her. I can count on Chloë to work well in any group or pairing in the class and she has been an excellent role model for her peers during anti-bullying week. Well done, Chloë.

### **VIOLET CLASS – MURIEL’S SHOUT OUT**

Team spirit through and through  
Enthusiasm for learning that is infectious  
Amazing seamless transition to remote learning  
Making blended learning look easy

Variety of characters free to express themselves  
Immense care for one another  
Outstanding contributions to thought-provoking anti-bullying discussions  
Let me play that too - rehearsals coming on well too  
Eager to progress  
**TEAM VIOLET** you are all worthy Golden Learners

P.S. Gabby and I are proud of you!

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